Homoeopathy specify under its activity to undertake research study on medicines other than Homoeopathic medicines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has been set up for the purpose of research for furthering development of Homoeopathy—this does not also exclude study of substances not presently classified as Homoeopathic medicines.

Price Control over Homoeopathic Medicines

2895. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that common people who prefer Homoeopathic treatment are being fleeced by Homoeopathic Medicine retailers especially in case of those imported from Germany;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no price control on sale of imported Homoeopathic Medicines; and

(c) if the answer to part(b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government will consider ways and means to ansure that the common man gets imported Homoeopathic medicines on reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Homoeopathic medicines are not covered under Drug Price Control Order, 1987 and there is, therefore, variation in retail prices. However such medicines are less costly than other medicines.

Anthroporophical Medicines

2896. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council for research in Homoeopathy has in its research institutes at Bombay and New Delhi and its Headquarters Office at New Delhi used/prescribed anthroporophical medicines apart from Iscador, during the last eight years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of these anthroporophical medicines were in injectable form, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some of these medicines are still lying unused and have been expired, and if so, from where these medicines were procured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prescription of Homoeopathic Medicines made on Homoeopathic Principles

2897. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Council of Homoeopathy has prescribed code of conduct and ethics which forbid Homoeopathic physicians from prescribing medicines which are not prepared according to Homoeopathic principles; and

(b) if so, what action Government take against erring Homoeopathic physicians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.

SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Homoeopathic Practitioners (Professional Conduct, Etiquette & Code of Ethics) Regulations, 1982, a practitioner of Homoeopathy shall use any drug prepared according to Homoeopathic principles and adopt other necessary measures as required.

Violation of the above provision attracts the punishment with imprisonment as per the provisions of the various Central Acts such as IMC Act 1956 & IMCC Act, 1970.

Funds for Homoeopathic drugs in HIV Infection

2898. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has cured nine HIV infected persons at its Bombay centre and made a claim to this effect in one of its News Letter published as early as 1991;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to provide Homoeopathic treatment which is substantially economical in comparison to Allopathic treatment to the HIV infected persons; and

(c) whether Government have earmarked and funds exclusively to carry out trials of Homoeopathic drugs in HIV infection and AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has made a statement to the effect that nine persons out of 51 cases of HIV infected patients have become ELISA negative. This study is still in progress. Separate funds have been earmarked for CCRH, but not schemewise.

Study on Rural Sanitations

2899. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study about how the total absence of rural sanitation causes various diseases in the country;

(b) if so, what are their findings and recommendations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Helath, Calcutta has conducted studies in the rural areas which indicate that absence of sanitation could cause spread of diseases like diarrhoea, gastroentritis, cholera, typhoid, helminthic infestation hepatitis and Poliomy litis. Studies have also indicates that the morbidity of water and exoreta related diseases can not be reduced by provision of drinking water alone unless the sanitaiton status in the rural areas is improved.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacant Posts in CGHS in Delhi

2900. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the cadre of Chief Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer and Pharmacists in the Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani dispensaries under C.G.H.S. in Delhi, separately till 30th June, 1994;

(b) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up by the authorities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Estimates Committee of Seventh Lok Sabha